

BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year

ended 31st December, 1969

To the Chairman and Members,  
Barmouth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1969, upon the sanitary circumstances of the district.

On the Public Health side, it proved to be a routine year, with nothing of a serious nature occurring, but nevertheless, I would like to thank the Council and fellow Officers for their interest and support throughout the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. PUGH.

Public Health Inspector.



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Dr. H. Francis, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:-

C. Pugh, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



## WATER SUPPLY

Periodic samples submitted for bacteriological examinations all proved to be highly satisfactory, and once again there has been close liason kept with the Merioneth Water Board, who administer the supply.

## 2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Once again the town's sewers continued to function most satisfactorily, necessitating only the minimum maintenance. The continued use of chemicals again ensured that grease and fat did not accumulate and cause blockages. There were again occasions when visitors complained of sewerage pollution on the beach, but little can be done until the proposed sewerage scheme is finalised. The cesspool emptier worked most satisfactorily in coping with the ever increasing demand from Llanaber Area.

The improvement works at Brynteg appear to be working to expectations, and there were no incidents of flooding within the district.

## 3. RIVERS AND STREAMS

There were no cases regarding the pollution of rivers or streams within the Urban District.

## 4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There were no known cases of change-over from the dry conservancy system to the water carriage system.

## 5. PUBLIC CLEANING

As is usual, the volume of refuse has again risen and despite considerable delays caused by traffic during the summer months there were no insurmountable problems, and a regular collection was maintained. Paper sacks were introduced to the Llanaber Area, and have proved highly successful, and I look forward to the day when the whole district is served by the paper sack system.



The District Officer, who is shared by both Dolgellau Councils carried out his duties efficiently and effectively and there were no serious cases of rodent infestation brought to my notice.

#### Food Hygiene:-

Much has been done to improve the standards in many establishments and generally the standard of hygiene was high. There are of course the inevitable reminders that have to be given to younger staff members of certain premises. No official complaints were received regarding food premises, and regular visits were made throughout the year.

A fair quantity of food was voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption, and was subsequently condemned.

#### 7. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Inspections and revisits continued during the year, and it was gratifying to see improvements taking place. However there still remains a lot of work outstanding, particularly in the larger premises, but again this is gradually being put in hand.

#### 8. HOUSING

There was no Council house building in progress during the year, but a private dwelling was erected in the Llanaber area, being connected to an existing cesspool.

However owners of older property within the district are making use of Improvement Grants to modernise their premises and I look forward to even better response within the coming year, so that eventually full use is made of all the properties particularly those in the Old Barmouth area.

#### 9. SLAUGHTERHOUSE

There being no slaughter house in the district, no meat inspections took place during the year.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Heavy usage continues on the se premises, and once again vandalism prevailed from certain sections of the community. A scheme has been drawn up to improve facilities in the harbour area, and I look forward to their completion.



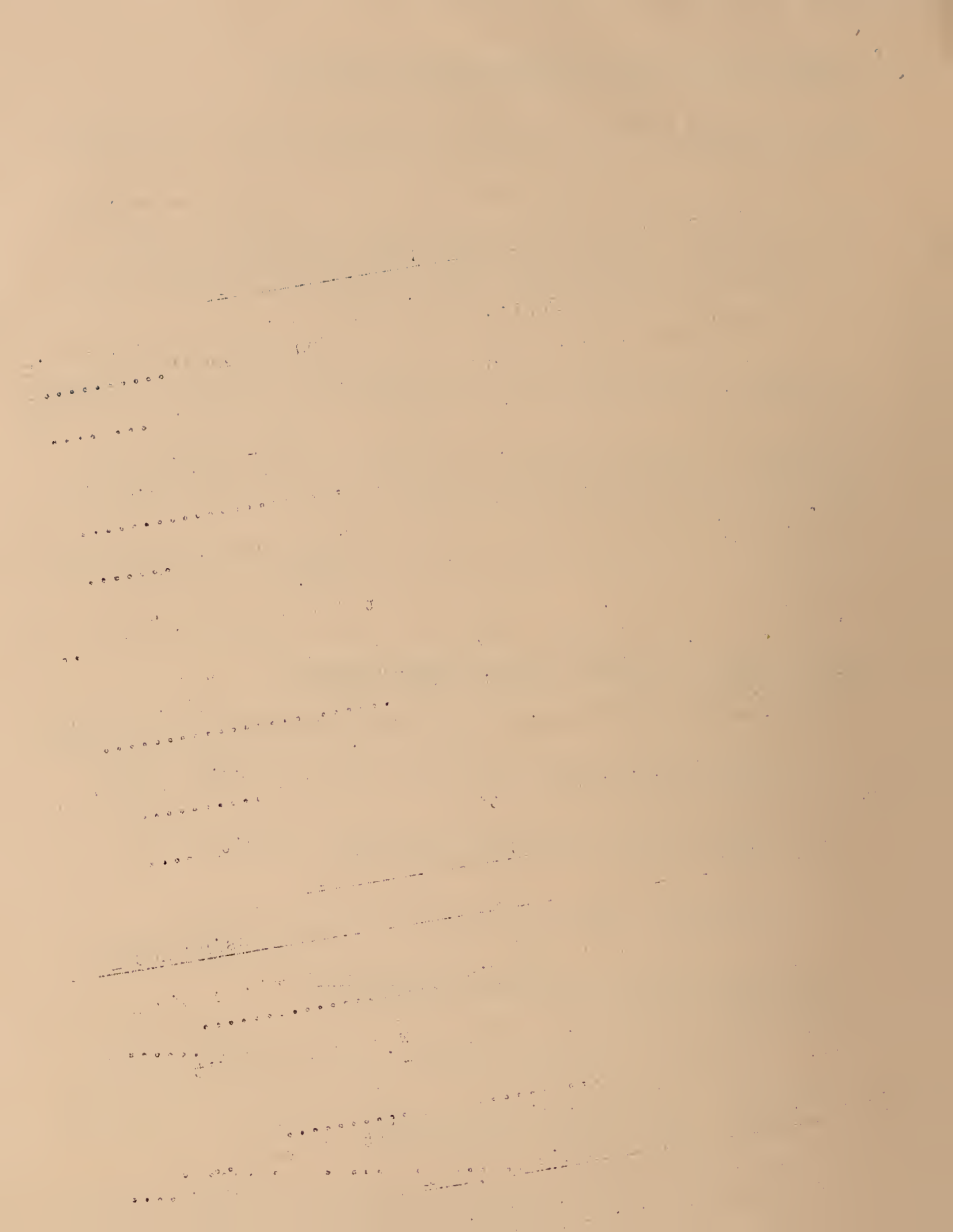


11 INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- 1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts .....12
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....28
- 2 (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 .....NIL
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....NIL
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. NIL
4. Number of dwelling houses, exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... 5
5. Remedy for defects during the year without service of Formal Notice ..... 4
- Rendered fit - informal action by local authority .... 1

12. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

1. Proceedings under Section 9, 10, & 16 of the Housing Act 1936
  - (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....NIL
  - (b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-
    - (i) By the owners .....NIL
    - (ii) By the Local Authority in default of owners..NIL
2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts
  - (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... 3
  - (b) Number of dwelling houses in which defaults were remedied after formal notice was served.
    - (i) By the owners ..... 3
    - (ii) By the Local Authority in default of owner .... NIL



3. Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... NIL

(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... NIL

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... NIL

(b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ..... NIL

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V. - Overcrowding

(a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..... Nil

(b) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..... Nil

(ii) Number of persons concerned in above ..... Nil

(c) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..... Nil



APPENDIX

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration

of the Factories Act, 1937

Part 1 of the Act

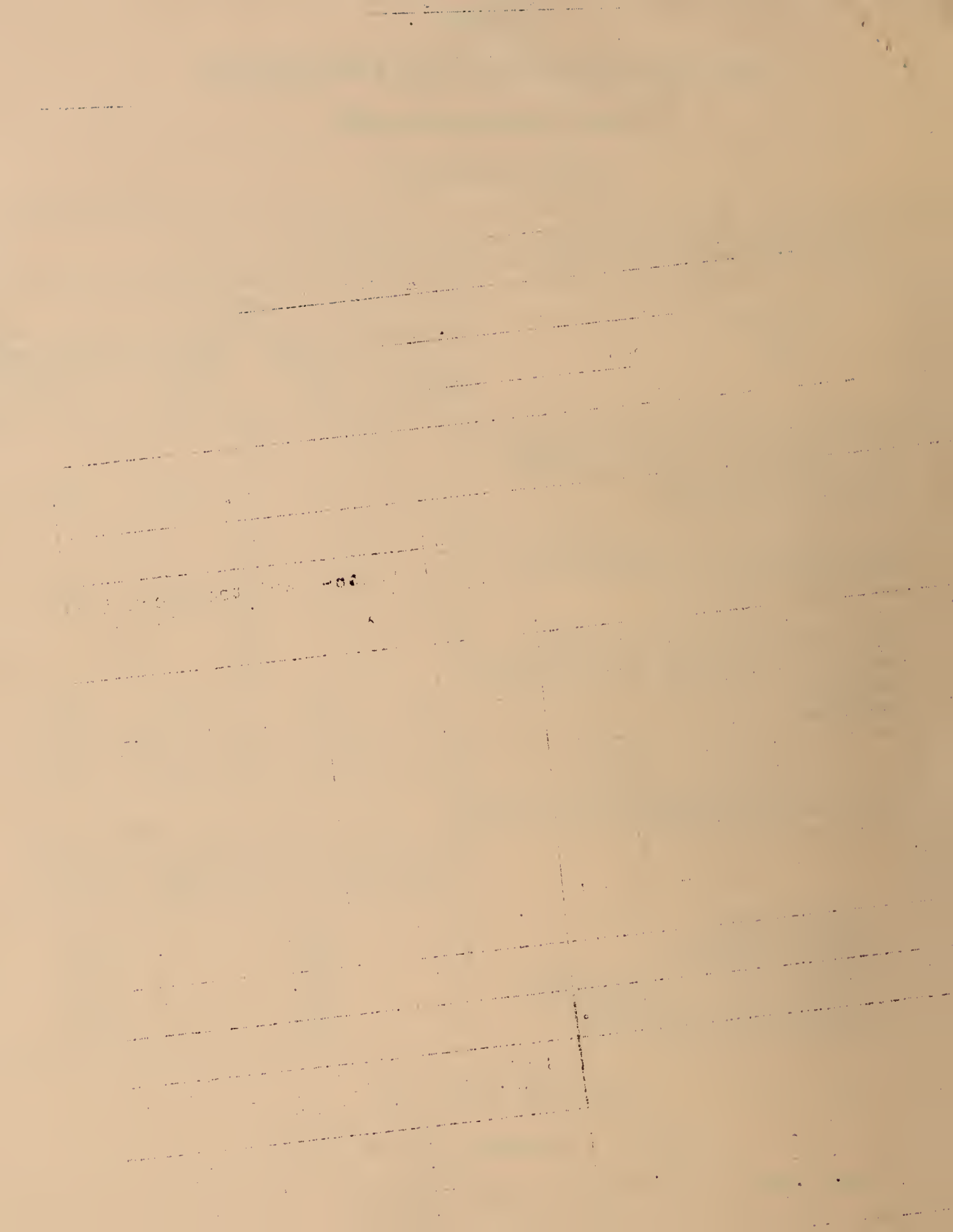
1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes as to the Health  
(Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspe- ctions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	7	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	1	5	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	2	12	Nil	Nil
Cases in which DEFECTS were found.				
		Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective		All other defects
Defects found.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Defects remedied.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Referred to H. M. Inspector.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Referred by H. M. Inspector.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Prosecutions instituted.		Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork - (Sections 110 and 111)

There were no out-workers in the District.



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31st 1969.



To the Chairman and Members of the Barmouth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ended December 31st 1969.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 2,210 (2,240 in 1968.)

There were 25 live births (21 in 1968 30 in 1967) with no still births, no infant deaths and no maternal deaths.

The total number of deaths was 39 (31 in 1968). Twenty four of these were due to strokes and heart and circulatory disease. These are by far the commonest causes of death in the Country as a whole in these days. Seven deaths were due to cancer (4 in 1968).

No new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year and there was no death from the disease.

The report is generally a very stisfactory one.

I wish to thank the Publci Health Inspector the Clerk and all the other Council Officials for their help during the year.

Finally I wish to thank all the council members for their continued support and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. Francis (signed)

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH







GENERAL STATISTICS

<u>SECTION A</u>	Area of Barmouth District 1969.	1952.8
	Rateable Value	£68649
	Population (Registrar General's figures)	- 2,210
	Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-
	Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books at end of year	259 785

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors	-
Births .. .. .	1.13
Deaths .. .. .	0.68

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total .. .. .		16	9
Legitimate . . . . .		16	8
Illegitimate .. .. .		-	1
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	- 11.3		
1968 figures	9.4		
Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population)	- 0.45		
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total .. .. .		nil	nil
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-		
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	- nil		
<u>TOTAL BIRTHS</u>	(Live & Still)	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live	-	nil	nil
Still	-		

DEATHS

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total .. .. .		Nil	
Legitimate .. .. .		Nil	
Illegitimate .. .. .		Nil	

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births  
1968 figures - 48

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality  
(per 1,000 legitimate Live Births) - Nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality  
(per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) - Nil

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total .. .. .		Nil	Nil
Legitimate .. .. .		Nil	Nil
Illegitimate .. .. .		Nil	Nil



<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total .. .. .	Nil	Nil
Legitimate .. .. .	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate .. .. .	Nil	Nil
<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> - Nil		
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> - Nil		
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> - Nil		

<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (including abortion)	- Nil
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (Rate per 1,000)	
Live Still Births	- Nil
1968 figures	- Nil

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total number .. .. .	15	24
Rate per 1,000 population - 17.6		
1968 figures 14		

DEATH FROM CANCER

Total number .. .. .	2	5
Rate per 1,000 population - 3.15		
1968 figures - 1.78		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number .. .. .	Nil	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population - Nil		
1968 figures - Nil		

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

- (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority  
One Medical Officer of Health,  
One Public Health Inspector holding appointment of Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.
- (2) Laboratory Facilities  
Water examination (bacteriological) at the Public Health Laboratory Aberystwyth. Examination of milk at the Public Health Laboratory Conway. Chemical analysis by the Public Analyst, Chester.
- (3) Ambulance Facilities  
One part time ambulance stationed at Bradbury's Garage, Barmouth.
- (4) Infant Welfare Clinics  
Held at the Youth Centre, Barmouth on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, in the month.
- (5) Ante Natal Clinics  
Held at Dolgellau Hospital on the 1st and 3rd Monday in the month.

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- (6) Orthopaedic Clinic  
Held at Dolgellau Hospital on the 2nd Thursday in the month.
- (7) Tuberculosis Clinic  
This clinic is held at Dolgellau Hospital on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month.
- (8) Immunisation  
Immunisation is carried out at the Infant Welfare Centre and in General Practitioners' surgeries.
- (9) Hospitals  
There is no general hospital in the Urban Area.
- (10) Infectious Diseases  
Total number of Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:- 2  
Scarlet Fever - Nil  
Bacillary Dysentery - Nil  
  
Whooping Cough - Nil  
Measles:- 2  
Infantile Paralysis - Nil  
Pneumonia - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary

NEW CASES

TOTAL Nil  
Males Females

Non-Pulmonary

TOTAL Nil  
Males Females

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary

TOTAL Nil  
Males Females

Non-Pulmonary

TOTAL Nil  
Males Females

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CAUSES OF DEATH 1970

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....		
Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects.....		
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.....		
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.....		
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus.....		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.....		1
" " Intestine.....		2
" " Larynx.....		
" " Lung, Bronchus.....	1	
" " Breast.....		2
" " Prostate.....	1	
" " Uterus.....		
Leukaemia.....		
Other Malignant Neoplasms.....		
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms.....		
Diabetes Mellitus.....		
Anaemia.....		
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases.....		
Mental Disorders.....		
Other Diseases of Nervous System.....		
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.....		
Hypertensive Disease.....		
Ischaemic Heart Disease.....		9
Other Forms of Heart Disease.....		1
Cerebrovascular Disease.....		6
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.....	1	1
Influenza.....		
Pneumonia.....	2	
Bronchitis and Emphysema.....		
Asthma.....		
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....		
Peptic Ulcer.....		
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.....		
Cirrhosis of Liver.....		
Other Diseases of Digestive System.....		
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....		
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System.....	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.....		
Congenital Anomalies.....		
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality.....		
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.....		
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions.....		
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	1	
All Other Accidents.....		1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.....	1	

FOOD HYGIENE

Food premises were inspected and advise given where required.

No. of Prosecutions

None.

